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Dear Mr. Flaherty and Ms. Stahl:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Connecticut Standard State Mitigation Plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with the interim final rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002 (44 CFR Parts 201 and 206). We have determined that the plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the aforementioned regulations. Congratulations on this achievement!

FEMA approval and State adoption of the Connecticut Standard State Mitigation Plan confirms the continued availability within your State of non-emergency Stafford Act funding (Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning and project grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning and project grants, Fire Management Assistance, and Public Assistance categories C-G). It is important to recognize that all requests for future funding through these programs will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the programs listed above.

If you have not done so already, please be sure to submit an electronic version of the Connecticut Standard State Mitigation Plan to us at your earliest convenience. The Connecticut Standard State Mitigation Plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within three years in order to maintain the eligibility to apply for funding through the programs referenced above. Over the next three years, we encourage the State of Connecticut to continue updating the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and begin implementing, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Colman at (617) 832-4731.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Horak
Acting Regional Director

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